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	Food Shrimp Trawls (no recreational allowed)	Bait Shrimp Trawls		Food Shrimp Cast Nets	Seines (same laws for com & rec)	Bait Shrimp Cast Nets (no commercial allowed)
Gear	220' max foot rope / vessel, excludes up to 16' try net. TED & BRD requirements.	C o m	20' net max with specifications as defined in Georgia Law. No BRD/TED	12ft max radius 5/8" min bar mesh No Added Net Modifications Baiting Prohibited.	12'x4'x1" stretch max – any GA saltwater 12+' to 100'x1 ¼ " min stretch <ul style="list-style-type: none"> only on sand beaches of barrier islands can't be used in inlets or tidal sloughs 100+' to 300'x 2 ½" min mesh <ul style="list-style-type: none"> only on ocean front beaches can't be used in inlets or tidal sloughs 300+' prohibited No seine can block more than ½ of any tidal river, creek, slough, or ocean inlet	8 ft max. ¾ " min. bar mesh. No Added Net Modifications Can't be used for taking shrimp for human consumption (both food and bait nets cannot be on board at same time). Baiting Prohibited.
		R e c	10' net max with specifications as defined in Georgia Law. No BRD/TED	8ft max. radius ½" min bar mesh No Added Net Modifications Baiting Prohibited.		
Season / Hours	State waters can be opened May 15 – Dec 31 if the per pound shrimp count size is 45 or fewer. (5am – 8pm). Jan-Feb extension possible if count size is 50 or fewer.	Year round, unless noted. ½ hr before sunrise to ½ hr after sunset		Same as Food Shrimp Trawler Season. 24 hrs.	Same as Food Shrimp Trawler season when harvesting food shrimp. Year round use permitted for bait shrimp. 24 hrs.	Year round, unless noted. 24 hrs.
Catch Limit	None	C o m	50qts. "live shrimp" per boat/trip (no more than 10% dead) 200qts. per licensed bait facility at any time; allowance for packaged dead bait	60qts heads-on (38qts tails) per person or boat per day	24qts heads-on (15qts tails) /person/day	Same as Recreational (Sport) Bait Shrimp Trawls

		R e c	(Sport Bait) 2qts. "live shrimp" per person at any time max 4qts/person/day boat with two or more persons 4qts poss - max 8qts/day	48qts heads-on (30qts tails) per person or boat per day	24qts heads-on (15qts tails) /person/day	
Area	Sounds closed by DNR policy. Waters from Sound/Beach Boundary to 3-mile limit open seasonally.		Only in established bait zones	All Georgia Saltwaters Open	See gear section above	All Georgia Saltwaters Open
License Fee	Georgia Commercial Fishing License	C o m	Bait Dealer = \$25R and \$150NR	Max 200 Licenses \$250R \$2,500NR	Georgia Commercial Fishing License	Georgia Sport Fishing License
		R e c	Georgia Sport Fishing License	Georgia Sport Fishing License	Georgia Sport Fishing License	
Boat License	Trawl Vessel License	C o m	Trawl Vessel License	Non-Trawl Vessel License	If boat is used Non-Trawl Vessel License	None
		R e c	None	None	None	
Bond	\$5,000	C o m	\$2,000	No	No	No
		R e c	None			

Com = Commercial

Rec = Recreational

R = Resident

NR = Nonresident

Min = Minimum Max = Maximum

TED = Turtle Excluder Device BRD = Bycatch Reduction Device

Poss = Possession

Georgia Commercial Fishing License = \$12R \$118NR

Georgia Sport Fishing License = \$9R \$24NR

Non-Trawl Vessel License = R \$5(18') + \$0.50/ft over 18' + \$25NR Trawl Vessel License = R \$50 (18')+ \$3/ft over 18' +\$25NR